

EAST AYRSHIRE OFFICER LOCALITY GROUP FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 26 JANUARY 2010 AT 1400 HOURS IN MEETING ROOM 1, EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Kay Gilmour, Head of Service: Community Support; April Masson, Community Health and Wellbeing Co-ordinator; Liam Wells, Team Manager, Substance Misuse, Social Work Community Care; Angie Bennett, Leisure Development Manager; Joyce Campbell, Service Officer, Planning and Review, Social Work Performance and Resources; Andrew Sutherland, Head of Service: Schools; Geoff Crow, Housing Needs Officer; and Susan Taylor, Head of Service: Children, Families & Criminal Justice, all East Ayrshire Council; Sharon Hardie, Health Promotion Manager and Carol Fisher, Healthcare Manager, both NHS Ayrshire and Arran; and Katie Kelly, Community Health Partnership Facilitator.

ATTENDING: Gillian Hamilton, Administrative Officer, East Ayrshire Council.

APOLOGIES: Jim Lyon, Principal Officer, Children; Andy Macdonald, Service Manager, Performance and Development; and Janie Allen, Principal Officer, Early Education and Childcare, all East Ayrshire Council; and Anne Gow, Assistant Nurse Director, Primary Care; Donna McKie, Clinical Nurse Manager; Cathy Roarty, Lead Public Health Practitioner and Joanne Sharp, Healthcare Manager, all NHS Ayrshire and Arran.

CHAIR:

WELCOME

1. The Chair welcomed everyone, and in particular Liam Wells, Team Manager, Substance Misuse, Social Work Community Care and April Masson, Community Health and Wellbeing Co-ordinator. Liam has joined the group as the representative of the Alcohol and Drugs Partnership. April was attending this meeting only.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

2. There were submitted and approved as a correct record, Minutes of the previous meeting held on 16 November 2009 (circulated).

2.1 Matters Arising

2.1.1 Girfec (Getting it Right for Every Child)

The Leisure Development Manager undertook to forward information to the Chair on Girfec in learning communities.

2.1.2 Girfec/IAF (Integrated Assessment Framework)

The Head of Service: Community Support circulated information on the Ayrshire IAF.

It was noted:-

- (i) that additional training needs which had been identified during the phased introduction of IAF would be addressed in conjunction with the East Ayrshire Child Protection Committee; and

- (ii) IAF processes would be reviewed at the conclusion of each phase of implementation.

2.1.3 Financial Inclusion

The starter paper on financial inclusion agreed at the last meeting, would be carried forward to the next meeting.

2.1.4 Pandemic Flu

It was noted that pre-school children were currently being vaccinated, with a catch-up scheduled for February.

2.1.5 Annual Seminar for Children's Service Plan

It was noted that an early meeting had been arranged for Officers to progress arrangements for the Annual Seminar.

AYRSHIRE ADVOCACY REVIEW

3. There was submitted a report dated 27 October 2009 (circulated) by the Director of Mental Health Services, NHS Ayrshire and Arran, on the findings and recommendations from the recent review of independent advocacy service provision in Ayrshire, for consideration by all commissioning partners.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the review report;
- (ii) to consider the findings and recommendations of the review and the implications for advocacy service provision in all three Ayrshire Local Authority areas;
- (iii) to note that feedback from all stakeholders on the contents of the report would inform the next steps; and
- (iv) that comments be forwarded to the Chair by 1 February 2010, to be incorporated into a response by the Officer Locality Group.

PLANNED ACCOMMODATION SERVICES

4. The Housing Needs Officer gave a presentation on planned accommodation services which covered current provision and uptake, options for expanding the range of provision and related issues.

The Head of Service: Children & Families and Criminal Justice indicated that discussion on the range of options was being taken forward through the Corporate Parenting Member/Officer Group.

It was agreed to receive a report back on progress in September 2010.

REVIEW OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

5. Having heard the Head of Service: Children, Families & Criminal Justice on this matter, it was agreed as a starting point for developing a potential strategy for supporting children with disabilities and their families, that the Community Health Partnership Facilitator collate information on ongoing work in this area and report to the next meeting.

EAST AYRSHIRE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN MULTI-AGENCY PARTNERSHIP

6. There was submitted a report dated 17 December 2009 (circulated) by the Head of Service: Community Support on recent changes regarding violence against women.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the transition of the former Domestic Abuse Forum into a Multi-Agency Violence Against Women Partnership;
- (ii) that representation on the Partnership be extended to include Addiction Services, Mental Health Services and the Council's Drugs and Alcohol Co-ordinator;
- (iii) to note that the Partnership's remit would also cover Adult Protection issues; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the report.

CONTINUOUS OPPORTUNITIES FOR GATHERING AND SHARING (COGS)

7. There was submitted and noted a report dated 21 December 2009 (circulated) by the Head of Service: Community Support which advised on arrangements for engaging with children and young people in East Ayrshire and the continuous opportunities for gathering and sharing (COGS) process.

ENGAGING THE INDEPENDENT SECTOR

8. There was submitted a report dated 15 January 2010 (circulated) by the Head of Service: Community Support which advised on current arrangements for involving the independent sector in Children's Services and related issues, and proposed alternative options which included development of an Open Forum; a Forum comprising Elected Representatives from provider groupings/communities of interest; and Sub-Groups to identify their community of interest and make appropriate arrangements for representation/consultation.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that all three models be presented to a workshop for the independent sector at the Children's Services Seminar, or, if appropriate, a dedicated workshop for providers for discussion and agreement on the way forward;
- (ii) that the Assistant Principal Officer for Early Education and Childcare, collate information on the range of partners involved;
- (iii) to note that the Child Protection Committee would also be informed by this process in terms of developing their own arrangements for engaging with the independent sector; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the report.

INTEGRATED RESOURCE FRAMEWORK (IRF)

9. It was noted that arrangements were being made for three separate half-day workshops on IRF to be held during February 2010. The Community Health Partnership Facilitator would provide feedback on these at the next meeting.

It was further noted that two presentations on IRF had been placed on the Portal for Members' information.

CHILD PROTECTION INSPECTION UPDATE

- 10.** It was noted that a further meeting with the HMIE Inspectors was required prior to publication of the finalised report on the recent inspection of services to protect Children and Young People in the East Ayrshire Council area.

INFORMATION ITEMS

- 11.** The following items were submitted for information:-
- (i) Draft Guidance on Partnership Working between Allied Health Professionals and Education - Members to submit comments by the 4 February 2010 deadline;
 - (ii) Changing Professional Practice and Culture to Get it Right for Every Child - Executive Summary;
 - (iii) Scottish Health Survey;
 - (iv) National Residential Childcare Initiatives;
 - (v) Mental Health Framework for Children and Young People Sub-Group; and
 - (vi) Swine Flu Vaccination for Young Children.

The meeting terminated at 1600 hours.